

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 6, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM

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1. Call to order by the Chair - 7:00pm
2. Roll call- Corinna Womack, George Hanley, Michele Arquette-Palermo, Pamela Beilke, Debbie Leveski
3. Absent: Jessie Richmond, Harold Flood, Mike Flood, Paige Feliks
4. Determination of a quorum - yes
5. Public comments - NA
6. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from June 2020 meeting -Pamela motioned to approve; Michele seconded; Board approved, motion carried.
 - b. Approval of agenda for August 2020 regular meeting –Michele motion to approve; Pamela motion to second; all in favor; motion carried.
 - c. Pending business
 - i. Environmental Resources Document update- The flyer is with Mike Flood and Samantha Timko, for printing and posting to the website, respectively.
 - ii. No Haz Status – Mike Deluca sent out information that Sept No-Haz has been cancelled. No other info to note.
 - iii. Membership Status update – George noted that the Vacancy is still vacant per the Township website. Debbie has a Township letter stating that she is a Board member and she is filling the vacancy. George to send Julianne Savard a note to update the website to reflect that Debbie fills the vacancy and that Michele is a backup.
 - iv. Feed a Bee Status – Pamela and George do not have any new updates. Habitat for Bees and Butterflies had recommended we plant soybeans. Pamela has seeds from Feed-A-Bee that can be planted in Friendship Park this fall for growth next spring.
 - v. Reusable Bag contest status – No updates.

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vi. Phragmite status – George commented that he worked to get Pee Wee Patch, ITC, Pomeroy Living back in. George is open to new sites if anyone has any. The area across from Home Depot off Lapeer Rd. Camp Agawam entrance has been successfully treated and is a great example of a success story where phragmites has been mostly eradicated and filled in with native plants. George plans to work with the quoting company over the next couple weeks for new areas.

d. New business:

- i. Quarterly Green Up Award and next candidate – Kay Automotive is a potential candidate. Michele nominated Slow Row for cleaning up the area. Corinna mentioned Green Hippo Gifts for their recycling and environmentally friendly products that they sell. Corinna will provide the documentation for Green Hippo Gifts and see about getting them in the Orion Review. Michele will write the press release for the Green Hippo Gifts nomination for the Orion Review.
- ii. Recycle Process Overview: Alyssa Turner, David Segall, Alex Wolford from RTS and Recycle Bank

Reference PowerPoint presentation from RTS Recycle Bank. David Segall briefed an overview of the company. He mentioned that they are a full service hauling and recycling company that partners with local haulers to utilize technology. They were founded 5 years ago. They track material streams and utilize a proprietary tech platform. They used to use RFID chips on recycling carts, but now use GPS to track the carts. RTS PowerPoint showed we can only recycle #1 and #2 yet materials from GFL show differently. They will get back with us. Michelle suggested we do a video and social media outreach to teach the community about what you can and cannot recycle.

George recommended that Recyclebank provide the public with a briefing to inform the public on the benefits of joining the rewards program. No plastic bags or plastic wrap in the recycling containers. Containers should be free of most food and liquid waste. Items smaller than 2 inches (ex. Water bottle caps) should be left on the bottles otherwise they get lost in the recycling stream and disposed of.

Visit Recyclebank.com for more information on the credits and the program as well as additional information on what can be recycled.

Planning for a follow up in about another month or so with Recyclebank.

7. Committee comments – Michele will reach out to Aaron Whatley for other large organizations that may have helped with the Green Up event so they can be a potential candidate for the quarterly Green Up Award.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Debbie, seconded by Pamela. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.